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1. Three leaflets, all signed by one Maung YE PHYU, "Leader of the Arakan Hill Tract," were in circulation in the Buthidaung area of Northern Arakan in January 1951.
2. The first leaflet declared that owing to the repressive measures taken against the proletariat and peasants of the Arakan Hill Tract, a People's Army had been formed there, which was building up a Democratic Front to revolt against the Anglo-American imperialists and the Government of Burma. The leaflet forecasted the coming of a third world war.
3. The second leaflet warned the people of the Hill Tract that a third world war was coming and called on them to conserve all available arms and ammunition. It announced that a peasants' union, formed in the Hill Tract, possessed a considerable number of arms and ammunition in dumps located in the Paletwa area (92-51, 21-18).
4. The third leaflet calls upon the people of the Arakan Hills to join the People's Army and register their names at the military headquarters at Reechaung and Mahamyaing near the Paletwa area.\*

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\* Comment. These leaflets may have been originated by the Burma Communist Party (BCP), or they may represent simply the efforts of another bandit seeking support in his area. The name of Maung YE PHYU cannot be identified. In the past the BCP has paid little attention to the Arakan Hills area, but these leaflets may indicate an increased BCP activity there, now that the Arakan has become a separate zone in the BCP zonal organization.

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